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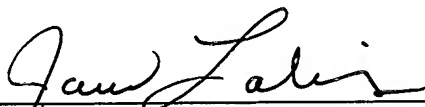
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- (1) U.S. patent application no. 10/874,455, filed June 22, 2004, pending; and

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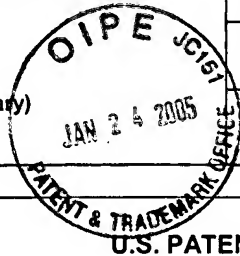
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